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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wish to express how happy I am to hear that the Department of Justice finally ended its antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. This agreement will greatly benefit Microsoft's competitors. They should be thrilled with the outcome of this case.

Microsoft had to compromise much just to get the case over with. It agreed to make available to its rivals, on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, any code that Windows uses to communicate with other programs. The company also agreed to disclose and document, for use by its competitors, various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products - a first in an antitrust lawsuit.

What more could Microsoft's competitors want? Maybe a key to the front door of the company's headquarters would make them happier.

Enough is enough. I hope the federal government never does this to Microsoft again. It would be pure harassment if they would.

Sincerely,



Evelyn Rucker